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Drinking Water Source Protection Program Announces New Web Page and Award

Drinking Water Services' (DWS) Drinking Water Source Protection Program has a new presence within [Data Online](#). You can now view your water system's current status and find information about protection plans, source water assessments, protection implementation, and the new Drinking Water Source Protection Award (more about that below) all on one page. Go to Data Online, search for your system, then click on *Source Water Protection Status*:

Population: 62,100
Operating Period: January 1 to December 31
Certified Operator(s)
Required: Y
Distribution class: 4
Treatment class: 3
Filtration Endorsement Required: No

Number of Connections: 20,750
Regulating Agency: **REGION 2**
Owner Type: LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Licensed By: N/A
Last Survey Date: Sep 22, 2021 - Outstanding Performer!

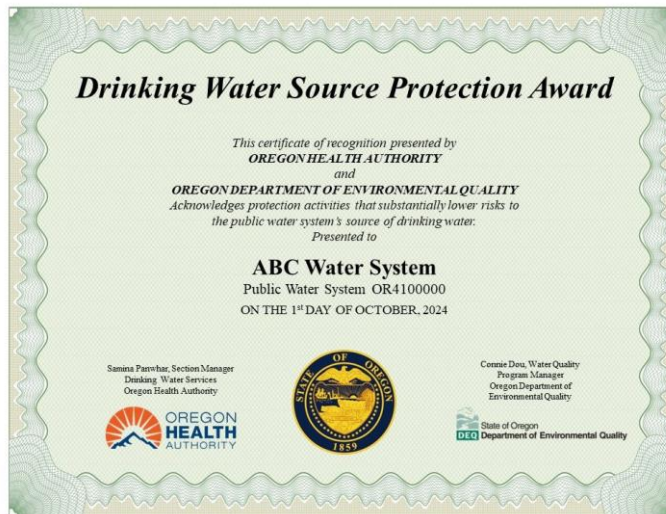
[Source Water Protection Status](#)



Sources

What is Drinking Water Source Protection? Drinking water source protection refers to actions that protect raw water sources (such as rivers, streams, lakes, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater) that provide water to public water system wells, springs, and intakes. By addressing potential and current concerns at the source, water systems can reduce the risk of exposing consumers to contaminated water, as well as reduce treatment costs. Implementing source protection might also help avoid or defer the need for complex treatment in the future. Participation in the program is voluntary.

Drinking Water Source Protection Award. To acknowledge excellence in drinking water source protection efforts, OHA awards a certificate of recognition to water systems that have made substantial progress in implementing measures to protect their drinking water sources from contamination. The award certificate can be used to promote consumer trust, positive customer relations, and public support in protecting drinking water sources. Information about how to qualify and apply for the award is in [Data Online](#). (Search for your system, click Source Water Protection Status, then click the Drinking Water Source Protection Award section.)



For more information, please contact Drinking Water Services at 971-673-0405 or info.drinkingwater@odhs.oregon.gov or Oregon Department of Environmental Quality at Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov.

DWS Plan for 2024 Rule Amendments

DWS expects to amend administrative rules before the end of 2024. Most of the amendments are housekeeping in nature, to ensure that tables are consistently formatted, and only a small number of other rules will be amended for improvement of the rule text or to clarify or correct rule provisions. Four notable rule amendments are:

- Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0010 will be amended to clarify that facilities (such as hospitals or other large complexes) be regulated public water systems when secondary treatment is applied to water received from another public water system, to comply with the treatment technique requirements to protect against pathogens such as *Legionella*;
- OAR 333-061-0036 will be amended to remove the requirement to develop a lead service line replacement plan because that provision is likely to change with EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, which will not be implemented for several years;
- OAR 333-061-0065 will be amended to require every public water supplier to identify a point of contact for the respective public water system; and
- OAR 333-061-0070 will be amended to allow DWS to waive cross connection annual summary fees when the ownership of a public water system has changed and a previous owner did not pay the fee.

The official notice for the proposed rulemaking will be published near the end of October, when a complete list of the proposed amendments will be provided at DWS's website, and the month of November will serve as the public comment period for the rulemaking process. Please contact Brad Daniels at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov if you have questions about this specific proposed rulemaking or DWS rule amendment process in general.

Emergency Communications Guidance for Water Operators

DWS has developed a new guidance document to assist operators in communicating drinking water emergencies to DWS and how to request emergency assistance. This document can be a useful addition to your water system's emergency response plan. Go [here](#) to view and download the document.

Oregon Spill Workshop and Tabletop Exercise for Surface Water Systems

Offered as both in-person and virtual event. EPA, OHA, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) are hosting a free one-day hybrid Oregon Spill Response Workshop and Tabletop Exercise. The intent of the event is to assist drinking water suppliers, industry owners (aboveground storage tank and pipeline owners, for example), local emergency responders, and state and federal agencies to better prepare for a spill to a river or surface water source that supplies drinking water. The event will include:

- Engagement with industry stakeholders and other water providers through guest speaker roles.
- Participation by federal, state, and local response partners.
- Tools and resources presentations — for example, what an emergency/geographic response plan is and how to develop one.

Go [here](#) to register (in-person and virtual).

Certification Renewal News

If you have a Tester, Specialist, Distribution, or Treatment certification and your last name begins with A-K, then it's time to renew your certification!

Renewal notices will be mailed out by mid-October. **Read the instructions on page two of your renewal notice.** If you have questions, contact the program. More renewal information can be found on the [DWS Operator Certification Renewal web page](#).

Distribution and Treatment

Contact: dws.opcert@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Web page: www.healthoregon.org/opcert

Tester and Specialist

Contact: cross.connection@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Web page: www.healthoregon.org/crossconnection

Congratulations to Outstanding Performers!

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and no unresolved violations, as evaluated during their routine water system surveys. Those that meet the Outstanding Performer criteria have their survey frequency reduced from every three years to every five years.

Below is a list of water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of July 1, 2024, through October 1, 2024. (Some survey results from that period may still be in the data entry process, so the list may be incomplete.) Drinking Water Services congratulates the operators of these systems for jobs well done!

Go [here](#) to find out how to qualify as an Outstanding Performer.

PWS Name	County Served
A RIVER RUNS THROUGH	Jackson
ALBANY, CITY OF	Linn
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	Grant
MYRTLE POINT, CITY OF	Coos
RED HILLS ESTATES	Yamhill
ROATS WOODSIDE RANCH WS	Deschutes
TERREBONNE DOMESTIC WATER DISTRICT	Deschutes

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Oregon's [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\)](#) provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. In addition to low-cost financing and favorable repayment terms, all projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness.

Program Updates – Beginning in 2025, infrastructure project Letters of Interest (LOI) must be submitted by February 15, 2025. See Drinking Water Source Protection Funding web page below for details about its annual LOI submission deadline date.

Funding Programs and How to Apply – For more information about each funding program available and how to apply, visit:

[Infrastructure Funding](#). This includes project funding through Oregon’s “base” DWSRF and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) General Supplemental programs. Annual LOI submission deadline: February 15.

[BIL Emerging Contaminants and Lead Service Line Replacement Funding](#). Annual submission deadline: February 15.

[Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects Funding \(SIPP\)](#). Twice a year application submission deadline: February 15 and August 15 of each year.

[Drinking Water Source Protection Funding](#).

Business Oregon’s [Regional Development Officers](#) can assist eligible public water systems with the best funding options in their area.

Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Open House – Oregon’s DWSRF Program welcomes you to attend our virtual open house (via Zoom) scheduled for Tuesday, October 29 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Visit OHA’s [Project Ranking and Disadvantaged Status web page](#) for more details and resources about this important opportunity.

Questions? Feel free to reach out to OHA-DWS at dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Training Opportunities

Find information about free trainings, webinars and CEUs on the Operator Certification Training Opportunities web page at www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining.

You have received this message because you are signed up for the Pipeline Newsletter group of the Drinking Water Services email list.

Access past issues of the newsletter on the DWS Pipeline web page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Pages/pipeline.aspx>

Contact Drinking Water Services

info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov or 971-673-0405

See the [Drinking Water Contacts web page](#) for updated phone numbers and email addresses.

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